I.C.P.O. Bulletin

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"Islands, Castles & Portable Operations"
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To all readers:
I wish you a HAPPY, HEALTHY & PEACEFUL NEW YEAR 2014 !!!
[Full of lots of DX too!!! ;o)]
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28/12/2013: On 28-29th December 2013, look for Gil, F4FET/p and Diego, F4HAU/p who have plans (weather permitting) to be active from Tombelaine Island (EU-156, DIFM MA-021, WWFF FFF-612). QRV with 2 stations on 80-10m SSB and PSK from 28/12/2013 9h30 to 29/12/2013 9h30. QSL both callsigns via F4HAU, direct (Diego Thobie, 88, Le Parc, 44750 Quilly, France) or via the REF bureau. [DX World]

28/12/2013: Take, JI3DST, plans activity from Kuchino Island, Tokara Islands (AS-049) between 28th December 2013 and 3rd January 2014, using the callsign JI3DST/6. QRV on 80-10 metres, all modes. QSL via home call, bureau preferred (please check QRZ.com). Website: blog.goo.ne.jp/ji3dst [rsgbiota.org]

28/12/2013: Ric, DL2VFR, plans to be active as OU1RAEM from Romo Island (EU-125, DIA NS-001), Wadden Sea National Park (WWFF OZFF-004) between 28-31 December, 2013. QRV on the HF bands, mainly CW. QSL via DF5LW, direct or bureau. Additionally auto-QSL for IOTA and participation in RAEM-contest (29 December). [rsgbiota.org]

31/12/2013: Once again Rich, PA0RRS will be active as 9M2MRS from Pinang Island (AS-015, WLOTA 2952) from 31 December 2013 until 23 February 2014. He will operate CW, RTTY and PSK on 40-10 metres. QSL via home call, direct or bureau, as well as LoTW and eQSL. [425 DX News]

01/01/2014: John, 9H5G, plans to be active as 9H5G/C6A from Stocking Island, Great Bahama Bank (NA-001), between 1-31 January, 2014. John operates mostly HF (160-10m), typically SSB, PSK/RTTY/JT65/JT9. He has just one radio - the excellent TS-480HX accompanied by an LDG AT200 Pro II tuner. QSL is OK LoTW, eQSL or Direct to Buzz NI5DX. Note: During 2014, John plans several activations in the Caribbean area - stand-by for updates. Website: www.qrz.com/db/9H5G [rsgbiota.org]

01/01/2014: Ric, DL2VFR, plans to be active as OZ/DL2VFR from Romo Island (EU-125, DIA NS-001), Wadden Sea National Park (WWFF OZFF-004), between 1-3 January, 2014. This will be a HF CW only operation. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. Website: www.iota-expedition.com/ [rsgbiota.org]

02/01/2014: An international team of operators led by Francesco, IK0FVC, will be active as 1A0KM from the Sovereign Military Order of Malta (SMOM) between 2-7 January 2014. QSL via IK0FTA. Log will be uploaded to LoTW. Look for more details to be forthcoming. [OPDX Bulletin]

02/01/2014: Look for Bob, YV5IAL to be active from Valparaiso, Republic of Chile (WW Loc. FF46EW) as CE2/homecall between 2-30 January 2014. QRV on 40-10 metres using PSK-31 with some SSB. QSL via home call, bureau or direct. [DXAT]

02/01/2014: Look for Uwe, DL9NDS and Ewald, DJ2BQ to once again be active from Omaruru, Namibia, as V5/homecalls between 2-18 January, 2014. QRV on the HF, all modes. QSL via home calls, direct or bureau. Club Log and OQRS will be available for V5/DJ2BQ and online log and OQRS for V5/DL9NDS will be available on Uwe's website at: www.dl9nds.de/ [DX World]

03/01/2014: Francis, F6BLP, will again be QRV as 6W7SK from Saly Portudal, Senegal, between 3-31 January, 2014. QRV mainly CW on 80-10 metres. If possible he also hopes to be active on 160M with an Inverted L. QSL via LoTW, eQSL, direct, French bureau (REF). Previous 6W7RK activity can be found at: www.f6blp.org/ [DX World]

LOOKING AHEAD -

04/01/2014: Vittorio, I2GPT will be active as 5H1VC from Zanzibar Island (AF-032, WLOTA 1080, WWFF 5HFF-003) from 4-12th January 2014 as 5H1VC. Operations will be in CW and, for the first time, in RTTY ("it's the very first time for me in this mode, so be patient."). Bands: 40 to 10 mt in CW and ONLY 20 mt in RTTY. QSL manager will be RW6HS Vasiliy. Please, send cards requests to RW6HS, direct (QRZ.com) or by the bureau. [DX World]

01/02/2014: Look for special event station TM11AAW to be on air on 1, 2, 7, 8, 9, 10, 14 to 23 February 2014. Activity is to celebrate the 11th Antarctic Activity Week. Operation will be made by Francois F8DVD from his Qth of Macon in the east part of France, 60 km, North of Lyon. The new reference for WAP program is 245. Operations will be from 10 to 40 metres, mostly SSB. QSL via F8DVD, direct (SAE + 1 new IRC or 2 USD) or via the bureau. For more details, visit: tm11aaw.monsite-orange.fr or www.qrz.com/db/TM11AAW . Francois Bergez 6, rue de la Liberte F- 71000 MACON FRANCE. a.pole[AT]laposte[DOT]net [NG3K]

03/02/2014: Andy, VK5MAV, will be QRV from Kangaroo Island (OC-139, WLOTA 0869), between 3-10 February 2014. QRV on 40-10m, mostly CW, holiday style. Logsearch and QSL requests via the ClubLog OQRS system. [DX World]

11/02/2014: Ewald, 7P8ID, will be in Lesotho between 11-16th February 2014 and plans to be active on 40-6 metre 100 Watt SSB, using the callsign 7P8ID. QSL goes direct only to DK3ID or OE8IDK (QRZ.com). [DX World]

12/02/2014: Kasimir, DL2SBY will be active from the Republic of Maldives (AS-013) between 12-24 February 2014. During his stay he will visit Ziyaaraifushi Island, North Male Atoll (12-18 February) and Fihalhohi Island, South Male Atoll (18-24 February). Plans are to be QRV on 30-10m, SSB, CW and RTTY. RIG: FT900AT + Amplifier ACOM 1010. Antenna triple-leg for 20-10 mtrs band including WARC / maybe 30m band. SSB + CW at 600 Watts, RTTY at 300 Watts. QSL via DL2SBY, bureau, direct as well as through PayPal request. Log will be uploaded to ClubLog. Website: www.qrz.com/db/8Q7KB [DX World]

SPECIAL EVENTS -

I.S.W.L. CLUB CALLSIGNS -
The ISWL Club Callsigns in use throughout the month of January 2014 are:
GX4BJC /A - Operated from Great Sutton, in Cheshire, by Geof - M0BAU. (WAB Square = SJ37 - England, IOTA = EU-005 and WLOTA = LH-1841).
MX1SWL /A - Operated from Skegby, in Nottinghamshire, by Merv - G0UJD. (/A WAB Square = SK56 - England, IOTA = EU-005 and WLOTA = LH-1841).
ALL QSL's for BOTH Calls will be handled by Herbie G6XOU and NOT the individual Operator.
The I.S.W.L. is a member of the European PSK Club.
All QSL Info is on www.iswl.org.uk/ or www.qrz.com/ or via www.eQSL.cc/ NO LOTW.
I.S.W.L. Awards are available to all Hams and SWL's - see www.iswl.org.uk/ for

full details. eQSL.cc cards ARE welcomed for our awards.
Very best wishes to all,
Pete Rayer, ISWL Life Vice President, Bournemouth, UK.
[Pete's-DX-Newsdesk]

01/01/2014: Special callsign 8J7T will be active on all bands and modes during the entire year of 2014. Activity is to celebrate the Birth of Takizawa-city (JCC #0316), Iwate prefecture, Tohoku region, island of Honshu (AS-007, WLOTA 2376), Japan. New JCC Takizawa city, IWATE (JCC 0316) will be established on 1 January, 2014. [JJ1WTL/AC6IM]

01/01/2014: Members of the Danish Radio Amateurs will activate the special event callsign 5P14EHC between 1-31st January, 2014. Activity is to celebrate Denmark hosting the "European Handball Championship for Men" event between 12-26th January. QRV on all bands and modes. The of operators of 5P14EHC will be Joergen OZ0J, Henning OZ1BII, Kjeld OZ1CCM, Preben OZ1HHH, Palle OZ2PBS, Poul OZ2PJ, Jesper OZ3AEV, Carsten OZ4CG, Karsten OZ4FF and Gorm OZ6GH. All QSOs will be verified via LoTW and eQSL. Paper QSLs may be requested via ClubLog OQRS or direct to OZ0J with S.A.E. and 1 IRC or 3 USDs to cover return postage. PLEASE DO NOT SEND YOUR QSL CARD TO THEM VIA THE BUREAU. There are special awards available (Gold/Silver/Bronze). Website: www.oz5md.dk/5p14ehc [OPDX Bulletin]

01/01/2014: Look for special event station DB50FIRAC to be active between 1st January and 31st December 2014 to celebrate the 50th anniversary of "Federation Internationale des RadioAmateurs Cheminots". QSL via LoTW, by the bureau or eQSL. [OPDX Bulletin]

01/01/2014: Tom, LA4LN, NRRL HF Traffic Manager, reports that during all of the year 2014, Norwegian LA stations may use the LI (Lima India) prefix, and LB stations may use the LJ (Lima Juliet) prefix, as part of the celebration of 200 years since the Norwegian Constitution, which was approved on 17 May 1814. QSL will be via the respective LA and LB permanent callsign. The special prefixes may only be used from the Norwegian mainland. There will also be a special station active, with the callsign: LM1814 (QSL via LA2G). The Norwegian Radio Relay League (NRRL) plans to offer a special award for contacts with the jubilee stations with LI and LJ prefixes plus the special station LM1814. More info to follow. [OPDX Bulletin]

01/01/2014: The Michurinsk Contest Group, Michurinsk, Russia, will air the special event callsignstation RG22RQ on all bands and modes between 1 January and 31 March 204 to celebrate the Sochi Winter Olympics. QSL via RN3RQ, direct or bureau and LoTW. OQRS on ClubLog will also be available. [425 DX News]

01/01/2014: Look for special event station RJ22DX on all bands and modes from Kaliningrad Oblast, Kaliningrad, between 1 January and 31 March 204 to celebrate the Sochi Winter Olympics. QSL via RN3RQ, direct or bureau and LoTW. OQRS on ClubLog will also be available. [425 DX News]

01/01/2014: The FCC has authorized the Maxim Memorial Station W1AW to also use the call sign W100AW during 2014, the ARRL's centennial year. Contacts made from the Maxim Memorial Station in Newington, from regional Centennial conventions, and during the IARU HF Championship will use W100AW, with portable designators as appropriate. The "W1AW WAS" operations throughout 2014 from each of the 50 states will use W1AW, not W100AW. [ARRL]

LIGHTHOUSE CALENDAR -

31/12-23/2/14 9M2MRS: Pulau Pinang WLOTA:2952 QSL PA0RRS (d/B)
- 2014 -

01/01-31/01 GX4BJC /A: England (main island) WLOTA:1841 QSL QRZ.com
01/01-31/01 MX1SWL /A: England (main island) WLOTA:1841 QSL QRZ.com
01/01-15/01 ZX8DX: Pedra do Sal DFB:PI-03 WLOL:BRA-070 WLOTA:2825 QSL PT7CG (d)

6 METRES & UP -

27/12 RSGB Christmas Cumulatives 6m-70cm/All modes 1400z-1600z
28/12 RAC Canada Winter Contest 6m-70cm classes 0000z-2359z
28/12 RSGB Christmas Cumulatives 6m-70cm/All modes 1400z-1600z
29/12 RSGB Christmas Cumulatives 6m-70cm/All modes 1400z-1600z
30/12 DSW 2M Contest SSB/CW/FM 1300z-1430z
- 2014 -
01/01 ARRL Straight Key Night 6m & Up classes 0000z-2359z
01/01-31/01 Ross Hull Memorial VHF/UHF 6m & Up 01 0000z-31 2400z
01/01 AGCW VHF/UHF Contest 144MHz CW/SO/QRO/QRP 1400z-1700z
01/01 AGCW VHF/UHF Contest 432MHz CW/SO/QRO/QRP 1700z-1800z
01/01 MOON Contest 144MHz CW/Digital/FM/SSB 1900z-2100z

Contest Calendars:
www.qsl.net/va3rj/con_dec.html
www.qsl.net/va3rj/con_jan.html

Information about current VHF activities can be found on the VHF DX portal "Make More Miles on VHF" at: www.MMMonVHF.de/

SMIRK: www.smirk.org/
SOTA (Summits On The Air) Watch Alerts at: www.sotawatch.org/

QSL INFO -

S21ZBC QSL DELAY -
If you're waiting on S21ZBC LOTW QSL's you might need to wait a bit longer :)
Had an email from their QSL manager for OQRS orders to say they are still waiting on certificates from ARRL.
As soon as they have them then they will load up QSL's ordered by OQRS.
[Simon ZL4PLM]

QSLs via Bureau: 9M2RDX, 9M2CQC, 9Q6AL, AA5AT, DJ3FS, DK2CH, DL2HWH, DL4FCH, DL8GP, DP1POL, FM1II, FY/F5HRY, HS0ZJK, JA1NUX, JA3CG/1, JA3EGY, JF3SUL, EA1HNW, F-10828, I0NUM, IK0RCY, IW3SGT, IZ5HNI, KA1ERL, LX2LA, NI0B, NJ1H, OH0I, OK1NZJ, OM5MF, OZ1GEJ, OZ8SW, PE1GUR, PY0/PP1CZ, PW0F, RA0FD, RV9DD, S53F, SP1DMD, SP3RBG, SQ3LLJ, SQ6MIP, SQ8KEZ, SV1GYG, SV2FLQ, TO11A, V31YN, V51WH, V88/DL7JAN, VE3KI, VK1WJ, VU-002, W5FK, W9II, Z81X and ZK3N.

QSLs via Direct: 4X1FQ (AA4V), 5J0R (EA5RM OQRS), 6V7T (F5RAV), C5DXC (QRZ.com), CR5CW [EU-145] (CT7ACG), EF3EGB [EU-078] (QRZ.com), FO/G4MFW (9V1FJ), FO/KH0PR (JJ8DEN), HP0INT/2 (OQRS), HP0INT/3 (OQRS), HP0INT/4 (OQRS), HP0INT/9 (OQRS), HQ4W [NA-060] (KD4POJ), J3/WJ7R (H/c), J87GU (QRZ.com), JX9JKA (LA9JKA), K5T [NA-119] (AB5EB), LX2A (QRZ.com), NT5V/KP2 (H/c) and P29VNX (JA1NLX OQRS).

QSLs via LoTW: C6ANM, CE2AWW, DL2CC, DR1D, EA5WU, EC7CW, FJ/DK7LX, G3VMW, G5W, GM3X, HR2J, HV4NAC, JW/PY2SEX, K9W, KA7V, KB7Q, KL7RA, KL7SB, KP3W, KP4EJ, KT0A, LW6DB, LY5E, LO5D, M2X, N5QQ, N5RZ, N7AT, N7IV, NC6DX, TG7/HR2DMR, TO5X, UG5UT, V49J, VA7OM, VE4GV, VE6WQ, VE7JH, VP5/LA4DCA, W4UH, W7CT, W7VXS, W9RE, WX0B, XE2S, XE2X, XZ1J, Z81X, ZF2EZ and ZP9MCE.

BITS & PIECES -

TROMELIN 2014 - OFFICIAL PRESS RELEASE (24 December 2013) -
Hi friends,

Most of the DXers consider entities as check boxes to tick once the country is worked and confirmed. That's the game! However, we hope to bring you a lot more than just a simple check mark as you discover our next destination. Let's talk about the 9th most wanted DXCC entity according to the Clublog statistics, an empty box for 75% of the amateur radio community.
Tromelin, as well as Glorioso, Juan de Nova, Europa, belongs to the 'Eparses', a French word to name these small islands scattered around Madagascar. These French territories are administered by the TAAF (Terres Australes et Antarctiques Fran?aises). Their access is strictly controlled and regulated in particular for ecological reasons. Tromelin is the smallest one (1 square km) and the human impact is all the more sensitive. That's the only island where there are no French military troops and only 2 agents of the TAAF are posted there continuously.
The last operation took place in 2000. A 4 men team made 50,000 contacts with the callsign FR/F6KDF/T. No authorization has been given ever since.
2014 will be the 60th anniversary of the 1st hamradio activity from Tromelin. The operator was Marc FB8BK/T.
Today, after some successful collaborative work with the TAAF authorities, we are proud to announce that we received our landing permission and got the green light to conduct an amateur radio operation on this remote island.
We'll be active on Tromelin from October 30th to November 10th, 2014. 6 operators have been allowed to stay of the island. They have been selected for their experience and all six are ready to face the challenge. The team is made up of Seb F5UFX, Michel FM5CD, Flo F5CWU, Eric F5SIH, Franck F4AJQ, Fred F5ROP.
The request is huge and we are conscious of this. For this reason, we are working hard in order to prepare our operation in depth. Some places in the world will have short openings and we'll do our best to exploit these short moments with proper planning adjusted with the help of pilots.
The coming months will be devoted to the search of sponsors. We already have part of the equipment but partnership with equipment suppliers will be essential. On the other hand, we will contact foundations, clubs, organizations to request assistance to help us balance our budget, estimated at $90,000, most of which is devoted to logistic costs.
Our website is online. All details regarding the progress, plans of the DXpedition and sponsorship opportunities will be accessible through dedicated pages. http://www.tromelin2014.com
We will regularly keep updating you until our departure.
Team Tromelin 2014
Seb F5ufx, leader[AT]tromelin2014[DOT]com
[Forwarded with 88/73 and Season's greetings by Maurice, F5NQL (F6KOP team member n? 10)]

>From the Offices of Santa Claus, Lapland, Finland -
OF9X SANTA WENT QRT WEDNESDAY, DEC.25 AT 07 UTC
This year, Santa Claus of Amateur Radio fame was somewhat different than in the past. A total of fifteen (15) radio operating elves and their support personnel brought Santa and Christmas cheer to ham families in a very special way, with several added elements to highlight the Festive Season. Not only were some 21.000 QSOs uploaded to ClubLog but associated with these QSOs were many interesting occasions when Santa was in personal contact with children all aross the world. Those are moments to be treasured!
Of those 21.000 QSOs, a sizable proportion were made on CW as well as on low bands, utilizing state-of-the-art remote technology of Radio Arcala, OH8X. Moreover, extensive special hardware elsewhere was employed to add to highly dedicated operators in the Far North. Everyone was determined to push their personal Christmas envelope to its limit.

Santa would like to summarize your eligibility for the Santa Claus (CW) Award which you can order by email at of9x at sral.fi You can check your QSOs at http://qrz.com/db/OF9X
1: You have a QSO with OF9X on SSB & CW - also 2012 Santa QSOs count.
2: You have only one 2013 QSO with OF9X - here correct passwords from the Christmas Puzzle at qrz.com would compensate.
Additionally, you can A:) order a bureau card, B:) direct airmail QSL cards, and C:) a direct Award and QSL cards through ClubLog's OQRS facility. See again the QRZ.com re: OF9X.
Thank you for contacting Santa on many modes and bands during Christmas 2013. Hopefully we will meet again next year.
OF9X Santa Claus and his elves
OH0XX, OH1JD, OH1TX, OH2BCI, OH2BEE, OH2BH, OH2BR, OH2FPK (YL), OH2FPX (YL), OH2KM, OH2PM, OH2TA, OH6CT, OH6KN and OH6KZP. [OH2BH]

3C0BYP, Annobon Island (AF-039) -
Elmo, EA5BYP, reports that "pretty soon I will be operating my new callsign 3C0BYP from Annobon Island". In addition, he will use 3C4BYP from Bioko Island, Equatorial Guinea. Full details to follow....

7Q7GIA, Malawi -
Kenneth, LA7GIA, reports that he received his license today (24 December) to operate from Lilongwe, Malawi, as 7Q7GIA. Activity will take place for one week in May/June 2014. More info to follow....

T6EUPOL, Afghanistan -
T6EUPOL, the official ham radio station of the European Union Police (EUPOL) Mission in Kabul, Afghanistan, operated by Janusz, AK4JK, will be QRV on all bands and modes. QSL only direct to AK4JK (Janusz Babol Vel Sobczyk, 8433 Southside Blvd, APT#2711, Jacksonville, FL 32256, USA).

VK7HVK/p, Bruny Island (OC-233) -
UPDATE - Scott, VK7HVK/p will again be active from Bruny Island OC-233 on December 28th. Details of his station and QSL info on QRZ.com.

YF1AR/8 & YB4IR/8, Kisar Island (OC-272) -
Due to bad weather conditions, the return flight home was cancelled today meaning the operation is extended until 27th December 2013.

ZX8DX, Grande de Santa Isabel (SA-025) -
UPDATE - Planned activity now delayed until early or mid-January 2014.
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73 and Good DX!
Dave Raycroft, VA3RJ
Home of I.C.P.O. & VEFF Program: www.qsl.net/va3rj/
Join the VEFF (Flora & Fauna) Forum at: groups.yahoo.com/group/VEFF/
Subscribe to ICPO Mailing List: mailman.qth.net/mailman/listinfo/icpo
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All Croatian Islands Award Group - ACIAG
The World Lighthouse Diplom - TWLHD/TWLHF
www.9a7k.com/

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www.wcagroup.org/ENG/main.html
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WWFF-council-member (representing VEFF).
www.wwff.co/
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